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1. NIGERIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE FALOPE TOLD UN SECRETARIAT ON MAY 3 THAT FMG WOULD PROVIDE ITS OWN AIRLIFT FOR NIGERIAN CONTINGENT WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT (LANSKY) FALOPE SAID NIGERIAN AIR FORCE AND NIGERIAN AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT (C-130'S AND BOEING 707'S) WILL AIRLIFT THE MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO

BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. IN ADDITION SOME EQUIPMENT WILL BE SENT BY SEA. NO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED. FMG WILL PROVIDE INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES (WHICH WILL BE PAINTED WHITE), TENTS, GENERATORS, ETC. UN EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FULL LISTS OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FMG WILL FURNISH ON MAY 5. SECRETARIAT STATES THAT FALOPE UNDERSTANDS THAT AIRLIFT IS AT NO COST TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT HE PLANS TO CONFIRM THIS BY LETTER TO UN SECRETARIAT.

- 2. WITH REGARD TO THE NOW-AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL 2,000 TROOPS FOR UNIFIL, UNNY IS SCHEDULING MEETINGS IN NEXT DAY OR SO WITH IRISH, IRANIAN, AND FIJIAN DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS AIRLIFTING OF CONTINGENTS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. UNNY INFORMED US THAT IRISH AND FIJIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE REPORTED THAT CONTINGENTS ARE READY; IRANIANS MAY BE SLIGHTLY DELAYED BY TURNOVER NOW UNDERWAY OF IRANIAN UNITS ASSIGNED TO UNDOF. IN THIS CONNECTION USYG URQUHART TOLD US MAY 3 THAT IRANIANS HAVE DROPPED THE CONDITION ATTACHED TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF THEIR CONTINGENT.
- 3. UNNY PLANS TO REQUEST UK AND US TO ASSIST IN AIRLIFTING IRISH CONTINGENT AND TO APPROACH JAPANESE, AUSTRALIANS AND US ABOUT AIRLIFT FOR THE FIJIAN CONTINGENT. IRANIANS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN CONFIDENTIAL

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